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conductors and stand-cleaners are allotted duties not exceeding 9 hours per day, including rest period between trips, etc. As regards checking inspectors and time-keepers, the duty hours depend on the nature of duty to be performed, viz., surprise ticket checking, collecting traffic census, supervising and regulating specials for fairs and festivals and routine checking on City and suburban services. Their actual working hours however fall between 6 and 8 hours."

SRI K. P. GOPALAN :—" Are the Government aware of the fact that time-keepers and running staff have to work sometimes till 11 o'clock in the night and will the Government be pleased to introduce the system of 8 hour shifts in the case of these people also and whether they will amend the Motor Vehicles Rules; if required, for that purpose? "

THE HON. SRI B. PARAMESWARAN :—" When they have shifts, they will have to work till 11 p.m."

SRI S. C. C. ANTHONY PILLAI :—" In view of the difference between the scheduled hours of work and actual hours of work, will the Government consider the question of introducing a system under which the time, at which a worker reports for duty and the time at which he is relieved from duty, are noted? "

THE HON. SRI B. PARAMESWARAN :—" I will look into the matter."

SRI K. VINAYAKAM :—" In view of the fact that workers like drivers and conductors have got to go to the workshop to take the vehicles allotted to them even as early as 5 o'clock in the morning, will the Government consider the feasibility of constructing quarters for drivers and conductors very near the Transport Office so that this problem of over-work can be solved very easily? "

THE HON. SRI B. PARAMESWARAN :—" It is not possible."

Contribution to Nayanar Balik Sadan, Eranhippalam

* 1005 *Q.*—SRI M. NARAYANA KURUP : Will the Hon. the Minister for Local Administration be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the payment of any grant sanctioned by the Kozhikode Municipality for 1953 to Nayanar Balik Sadan, Eranhippalam, was not sanctioned by the Government; and

(*b*) if so, the reasons therefor?

THE HON. SRI S. S. RAMASAMY PADAYACHI :—" (*a*) & (*b*) The payment of a contribution of Rs. 150 was made by the municipal council for 1952–53, but the contribution of Rs. 150 proposed by municipal council for 1953–54 was not sanctioned by the Inspector of Municipal Councils and Local Boards as the council had then deficit in its accounts."

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Sri M. NARAYANA KURUP :—" As Nayanar Balik Sadan had done very useful work for destitute children who were affected by cholera during 1953 and as the amount that was sanctioned was a very small amount and as the Kozhikode Municipality sanctioned it because it did not materially affect its finances, may I know whether the Government will intervene and see that the Kozhikode Municipality is permitted to grant this very small amount of Rs. 150 to the Sadan which is a very useful and selfless institution? "

The Hon. Sri S. S. RAMASAMY PADAYACHI :—" Sir, municipalities who are having deficits in their accounts are not allowed to make such contributions. Therefore, permission was not accorded with any motive. However, the Kozhikode Municipality is not now deficit in its accounts. If the Municipality make a representation again, the Government will sanction the amount."

Headquarters of Ramanathapuram

* 1006 Q.—Sri K. V. RAMASWAMI : Will the Hon. the Minister for Revenue be pleased to state whether the Government have any proposal to shift the district headquarters of Ramanathapuram to Karaikudi?

The Hon. Sri M. A. MANICKAVELU :—" There is no such proposal under the consideration of the Government."

Sri K. V. RAMASWAMI :—" ராமநாதபுரம் ஜில்லாவாசிகள் கோர்ட்டுகளுக்கும், கலெக்டர் ஆபீசுக்கும் அவசரமாகப் போக முடியாதபடி மிகவும் கஷ்டப்படுவதால் முக்கியமான காரியாலயங்களையெல்லாம் அவர்களுடைய ஜில்லா எல்லைக்குள்ளேயே இருக்கவேண்டுமென்று நீண்ட காலமாக கிளர்ச்சி செய்து வந்திருக்கிறார்கள். எனவே இந்த பிரச்னையை சர்க்கார் சீக்கிரத்தில் தீர்க்க முன் வருவார்களா ? "

The Hon. Sri M. A. MANICKAVELU :—" The hon. Member may take up the question and furnish such details as are necessary to convince the Government to pursue the question."

Holidays for Criminal Courts

* 1007 Q.—Sri S. DAIVASIGAMONEY : Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state whether the Government have any proposal to increase the number of holidays enjoyed by the criminal courts so as to bring it on a par with the number of holidays enjoyed by the civil courts?

The Hon. Sri C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" No, Sir ".

Sri S. DAIVASIGAMONEY :—" At present, civil courts are enjoying holidays for about thirty days in a year. After the separation of the Judiciary from the Executive, Magistrates are appointed from the cadre of District Munsifs. It is also a well-known fact that Magistrates and advocates practising on the